

Senate Resolution 413

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant, a third-generation minister, is the son of Bishop John Richard
6 Bryant and Reverend Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant, and he embodies the mission that guides
7 his life: to change the world with The Word; and

8 WHEREAS, he is recognized as a prolific orator, exceptional visionary, philanthropist, and
9 proponent of social justice. The global outreach of his work as a pastor, community activist,
10 and businessman spans more than 20 years. Over the years, Dr. Bryant has developed an
11 unselfish passion for pairing his faith with his interests in civil rights and social engagement;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant possesses an undeniable gift to bridge generations, from the civil
14 rights movement to the Black Lives Matter era. His ability to reach across social, economic,
15 and political barriers has inspired people to succeed in their everyday lives but, more
16 importantly, to experience the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

17 WHEREAS, accepting the call of God placed on his life to birth something new, Dr. Bryant
18 became the pastor and founder of Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore,
19 Maryland, at the age of 29, acclaimed as the fastest-growing African Methodist Episcopal
20 Church in the denomination's 200 year history. Adding to his span, both then and now, are
21 the growing numbers of believers reached through streaming broadcasts, his expanding social
22 media networks, and the *Power to the People* weekly live broadcast on The Word Network;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant continues to build his spiritual legacy with his appointment as pastor
25 of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia, in December, 2018. His
26 leadership efforts have already begun to strengthen the multigenerational bond among
27 members, expand outreach, cultivate families, and continue the church's solid legacy of
28 cultural significance and community involvement; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
30 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
31 on behalf of persons in need.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant on the wonderful occasion of his being
34 named pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church and extend best wishes for many
35 more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Jamal Harrison
38 Bryant.